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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Submitted herewith is a copy of art together with a form listing the same for the convenience of the Examiner.

The attached U.S. Patent 6,802,458 and the accompanying April 18, 2006 letter represent an unsubstantiated assertion of priority of invention against the present application.

Applicants do not believe there is any valid basis for the assertion of priority of invention in view of the claim herein to the benefit of the December 15, 2000 filing date of U.S. Provisional Application 60/255,742 and the fact that the owner of the '458 patent has not provided evidence to support its claim.

Nor is the '458 patent a proper reference against the present application under any subsection of 35 U.S.C. §102 or 35 U.S.C. §103. To the contrary, on its face, the present application, as published, is a reference under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) against the '458 patent.

As such, there does not appear to be any basis under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 for disclosing this information. Nevertheless, it is being disclosed as a precaution.

I certify that each item of information contained in this submission was not received by any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. 1.56(c) more than 30 days prior to the filing of this Submission.

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	1.	Letter dated April 18, 2006 from John D. Bauersfeld, Esq. of Fitch, Even, Tabin & Flanner to Carl ("Chip") L.C. Kah, III of K-Rain Manufacturing Corporation, 2 pages.					
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